## BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION	)	CASE NOS. AVU-E-23-01
OF AVISTA CORPORATION FOR THE	)	AVU-G-23-01
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES	)	
AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC AND	)	
NATURAL GAS SERVICE TO ELECTRIC	)	<b>ORDER NO. 35703</b>
AND NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS IN THE	)	
STATE OF IDAHO	)	
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On February 28, 2023, Idaho Forest Group LLC ("IFG") moved the Idaho Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"), under Commission Rule of Procedure 43.03<sup>1</sup> and Idaho Bar Commission Rule ("IBCR") 227, for an Order approving the limited admission, pro hac vice, of Andrew P. Moratzka in this matter. The Motion was signed and attested to by Elijah M. Watkins of Boise, Idaho (Idaho State Bar License No. 8897).

In the Motion, Mr. Moratzka certifies that he is an active member in good standing of the Minnesota State Bar who maintains the regular practice of law in Minnesota. He further declares that he is not an Idaho resident or licensed to practice law in Idaho.

Mr. Watkins and Mr. Moratzka certify that a copy of the Motion has been served on all other parties to this case, and that a copy of the Motion, accompanied by a \$325 fee and certificate of good standing, have been submitted to the Idaho State Bar. Mr. Watkins acknowledges that his attendance shall be required at all Commission proceedings in which Mr. Moratzka appears, unless specifically excused by the Commission.

## **COMMISSION FINDINGS**

The Commission has reviewed and considered the Motion and applicable rules, including IBCR 227 and Commission Rules of Procedure 19 and 43.03, IDAPA 31.01.01.019 and 043.03. Based on the filings of record and certified representations of Mr. Watkins and Mr. Moratzka, we find that reasonable grounds have been demonstrated to justify the granting of limited admission of Mr. Moratzka as legal counsel for IFG in this matter. We further find good reason to excuse the appearance of Mr. Watkins in further proceedings in this docket unless needed by Mr. Moratzka.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Commission Rule of Procedure 19 also pertains to motions for pro hac vice admission.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Commission has jurisdiction in this case and over this Motion pursuant to Idaho Code, Title 61, and the Commission's Rules of Procedure, 31.01.01.000 *et seq*.

## **ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Motion is granted; Andrew P. Moratzka is hereby granted limited admission as legal counsel for IFG.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the attendance of Elijah M. Watkins is excused from all further proceedings in Case Nos. AVU-E-23-01 and AVU-G-23-01 unless needed by Andrew P. Moratzka.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this  $10^{\text{th}}$  day of March 2023.

ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT

JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER

EDWARD LODGE, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

Jan Noriyuki
Commission Secretary

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